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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 25 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 15th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Robert Kocharian, President of the Republic of Armenia.
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus.
3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   New Zealand

   Republic of Korea

   Egypt

   Luxembourg

   Canada

   Viet Nam

(continued overleaf)

Announcement

The Security Council will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 10.30 a.m., at which it will consider the report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on Protection for Humanitarian Assistance to Refugees and Others in Conflict Situations (S/1998/883).

3 p.m.	16th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Estonia

Bahrain

Address by His Excellency Mr. Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Swaziland

Romania

Mongolia

Kuwait

Thailand

Qatar

Liechtenstein

Iceland

Liberia

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SECURITY COUNCIL

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1388th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS
(CCPOQ)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations is suspended during the general debate of the General Assembly (21 September-2 October). Live coverage of the Spokesman's noon briefing can be seen in Screening Room 4.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

Friday, 25 September 1998

GROUP OF 77
(Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

Committee on Palestine

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Contact Group on Bosnia and Herzegovina

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

RIO GROUP - RUSSIAN FEDERATION

10.30 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

RIO GROUP - GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL

12 noon- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

RIO GROUP - CANADA

3 p.m.- 4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Briefing

H.E. The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada, and H.E. Mr. Knut Vollebaek, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway, will hold a special information briefing on small arms and light weapons *today*, 25 September 1998, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Foreign Ministers and/or their designates, as well as interested Secretariat officials, are invited to attend.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar, co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Canada and Norway to the United Nations, *today*, 25 September 1998, at 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The seminar, which is organized by the British American Security Information Council (BASIC), will assess the impact of small arms proliferation and investigate ways in which the United Nations can offer solutions to the problem. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum *today*, 25 September 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Forum will be addressed by H.E. Dr. Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Minister of State in the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Austria. Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 28 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	17th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	18th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The list of speakers will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/185).

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 52/165

10 a.m.	1st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	2nd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in Trusteeship Council Chamber. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

Briefing

The Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the New York Liaison Office of UNCTAD will hold an informal briefing on agenda items 91(b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries) and (d) (External debt crisis and development) on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. The briefing will address the index report called for in General Assembly resolution 52/179 and the Secretary-General's reports on the net transfer of resources (A/53/228), on global financial flows and on external debt. Copies of the relevant background information are available on the 21st floor of the DC-2 building, in the elevator lobby. All delegations are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/53/L.1/Rev.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935).

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 3rd meeting on Monday, 2 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its organization of work, and agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account), 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support account and Death and disability), 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and human resources management: Gratis personnel).

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers on all the items before the Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to do so with the Office of the Secretary of the Fifth Committee (tel.: 212-963-0542, fax: 212-963-0360).

Briefing

Members of the Fifth Committee are invited to a special briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E. Connor, on the reports of the Secretary-General on the Development Account (A/52/1009), to be held on Friday, 2 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM), established under Security Council resolution 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991, will hold its sixteenth plenary session from Monday, 28 September, to Thursday, 1 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations on United Nations guidelines for sustainable consumption to be chaired by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development on Monday, 28 September 1998, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room E and on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 8.

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An informal consultation on the organization of work for the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the bureau of the Commission on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. A background paper to facilitate the discussion has been prepared by the secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and is available at the offices of the Division (room DC2-1216).

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
ON COORDINATION

The twelfth meeting of the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development (IACSD) will take place on 28 and 29 September and the IACSD Task Force on National Strategies for Sustainable Development on 30 September 1998, in Conference Room VIII at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

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Corrigendum

The name and title of the speaker for Lebanon in the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly did not appear in the *Journal* of Wednesday, 23 September 1998, owing to a technical error. The speaker was H.E. Mr. Rafic Hariri, Prime Minister, President of the Council of Ministers for the Lebanese Republic, who made his statement at the 14th plenary meeting on Thursday, 24 September 1998.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the organization of work of the Second Committee)* on Monday, 28 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ministerial level)* on Monday, 28 September 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a joint meeting of the African Group and the Arab Group on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Seminar

A seminar on the theme "At the Nexus of Social and Environmental Policy: Making Sustainable Development Work", organized by the World Bank, will take place on Wednesday, 30 September 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ian Johnson, Vice-President for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development, and Ms. Gloria Davis, Director of the World Bank's Social Development Department, will make presentations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Ministerial meeting

The Eighth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) will be held on Monday, 28 September 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of France and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), on Wednesday, 30 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Information will be provided on preparations for the meeting on "Partners for Development", organized by UNCTAD, to be held in Lyon (France) from 9 to 12 November 1998. Members of permanent missions. Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 23 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

12th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/53/345/Add. 3) [118]

The General Assembly took note that Burundi and the Republic of Moldova had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Address by H.E. Mr. Hassan Gouled Aptidon, President of the Republic of Djibouti

H.E. Mr. Hassan Gouled Aptidon, President of the Republic of Djibouti, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Maïnassara Baré, President of the Republic of the Niger

H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Maïnassara Baré, President of the Republic of the Niger, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Dr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua

H.E. Dr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Mr. Mohammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Jaime Gama, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal; H.E. Mr. Borys Tarasyuk, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Ukraine; H.E. Mr. José Miguel Insulza, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile; H.E. Mr. Abel Matutes, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain; H.E. Mr. Jan Kavan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic; H.E. Ms. Lena Hjelm-Wallén, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden; H.E. Mr. David Andrews, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland; and H.E. Dr. Eduardo Latorre, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Rwanda, Uganda, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Kingdom, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the United Arab Emirates.

Thursday, 24 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3931st meeting

The situation in Africa

Report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (S/1998/318)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council resumed its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the President of Burkina Faso, current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations made a statement.

The Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity made a statement.

Statements were made by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom, the Secretary of State of the United States, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bahrain, the Minister for Foreign Relations of Brazil, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of China, the Minister for External Relations and Worship of Costa Rica, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of France, the Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Gabon, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Gambia, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Kenya and Portugal, the representative of the Russian Federation and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1998/29).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

13th plenary meeting

Natural disasters in the Caribbean

The President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the Governments and the peoples of the Caribbean countries for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage which has resulted from the recent hurricane.

Address by H.E. Mr. Jacob Nena, President of the Federated States of Micronesia

H.E. Mr. Jacob Nena, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Carlos Roberto Flores Facusée, Constitutional President of the Republic of Honduras

H.E. Mr. Carlos Roberto Flores Facusée, Constitutional President of the Republic of Honduras, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Dr. Rafael Caldera, President of the Republic of Venezuela

H.E. Dr. Rafael Caldera, President of the Republic of Venezuela, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister, and Minister of Housing and Construction and Religious Affairs of the State of Israel, addressed the General Assembly.

H.E. Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of India, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Bronislav Geremek, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland.

H.E. Mr. Mesut Yilmaz, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mrs. Nadezhda Mihailovna, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria.

14th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 14th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/185).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 1998

483rd and 484th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of Iraq (CRC/C/41/Add.3).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Accesion: Nauru (22 September 1998)*

Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. 18 May 1978

Acceptance: United Republic of Tanzania (23 September 1998)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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